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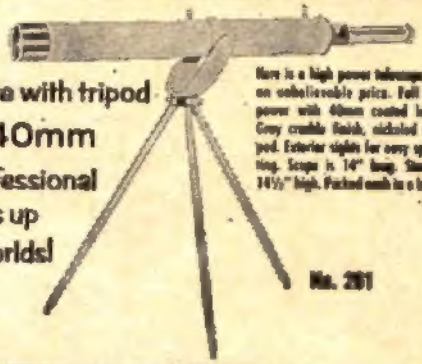

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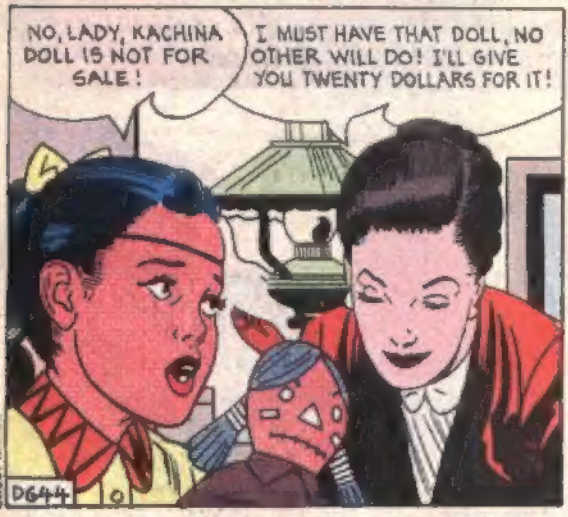

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HOWARD, LOOK AT THIS FABULOUS KACHINA DOLL I FOUND FOR TWENTY DOLLARS!
BAH! HOW DO YOU THINK IT LOOKS FOR THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER'S WIFE TO RUN AROUND PLAYING WITH DOLLIES? GET IN THE CAR!
DID YOU MAKE YOUR SURVEY, HOWARD? ARE YOU FINISHED?
YES... AND THE UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE HOPI INDIANS ARE ALL FALSE... UTTER NONSENSE!
I'M GLAD YOU TOLD ME, HOWARD! THOSE INDIAN CHILDREN MUST BE NATURALLY THIN!
MMMM! LOOK AT ALL THIS LAND! THEY CAN GROW FOOD, AND BREATHE IN GOOD, CLEAN AIR! THESE INDIANS ARE LUCKY, BY GODFREY!
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PITY THE POOR H. J. LURCH'S... THEY'VE GOT TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND A BUREAUCRAT'S JOB! HOW DID HE QUALIFY FOR THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER'S JOB? LET'S FIND OUT!
I ALWAYS WAS INTERESTED IN INDIAN LORE! WHEN I WAS A KID I READ A BOOK ALL ABOUT THEM!
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H.J. LURCH HAS ONE RULE HE FOLLOWS IN POLITICAL LIFE WHICH IS 'DON'T MAKE WAVES!' SO, HIS ANSWERS ARE ALWAYS READY!
STARVATION ON THE RESERVATIONS? NONSENSE! ALL THE INDIANS ARE RESOURCEFUL! THEY'RE TOO PROUD TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT FOR HANDOUTS!
BUT, COMMISSIONER, WE . . .
YES, SIR...WHATEVER YOU SAY!
THE TRIBES SENT AN INDIAN BACK EAST, BEGGING FOR FEDERAL MONEY, BUT I GOT RID OF HIM WITH ONE PHONE CALL... HA, HA, HA!
NOTHING COULD CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE INDIANS! THEY'LL GET NOTHING OUT OF ME... NOTHING!
ONE OF THOSE NATIONAL MAGAZINES TRIED TO DO A STORY ABOUT THE INDIANS... THEY DIDN'T GET ANY COOPERATION FROM ME!
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N-NO, DON'T SCALP ME! KEEP AWAY... KEEP AWAY!
STOP IT, HOWARD... YOUR CONSCIENCE IS GETTING THE BEST OF YOU!
HUH? THAT WAS TOO REAL TO BE A DREAM! GLADYS, THAT ACCURSED DOLL IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!
YOU'RE STARVING THOSE PEOPLE AND YOU KNOW IT! IF YOU CAN'T SLEEP, DON'T BLAME THE DOLL!
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT... I THREW THE DOLL OUT ANYHOW... SO THAT SHOULD END IT!
AFTER A SLEEPLESS NIGHT (WE'RE ALL GLAD, AREN'T WE, FIENDS?) H. J. LURCH GOES TO HIS OFFICE IN THE MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER LURCH!
TH-THAT DOLL! WHY IS IT STILL HERE? WHO PUT IT THERE?
WHY... I DON'T KNOW! NO ONE BUT YOU TOUCHED IT, COMMISSIONER LURCH!
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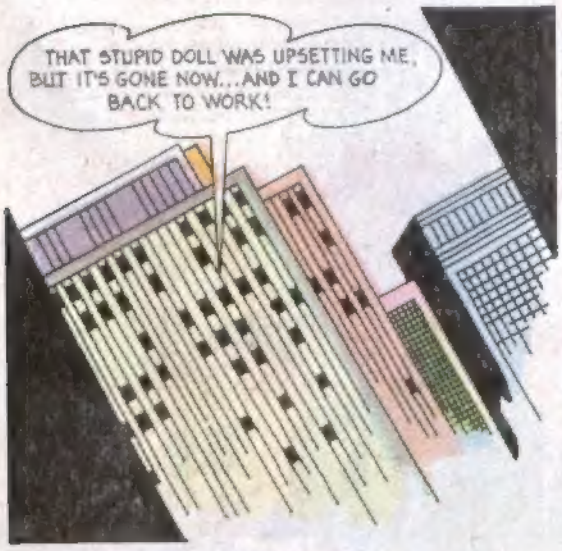
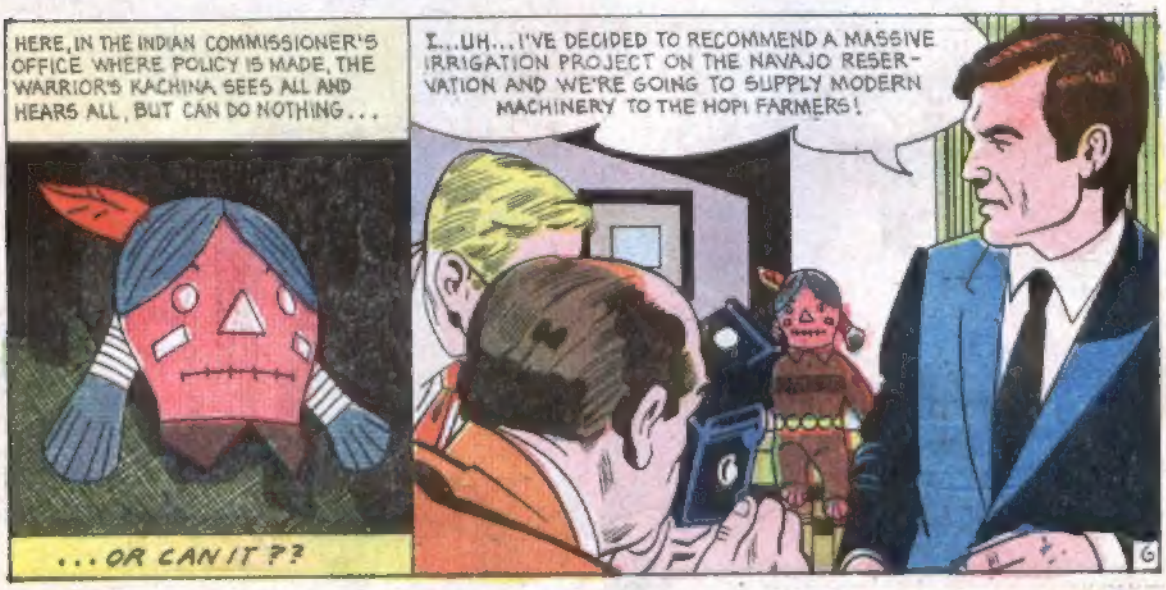
H.J. LURCH IS A DESPERATE MAN AS HE SEIZES THE LITTLE HOPI DOLL!
INCINERATOR, SIR? AT THE END OF THE CORRIDOR, BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU!
NO, NO... I WANT TO DO THIS MYSELF!
THERE... IT'S DONE!


THAT STUPID DOLL WAS UPSETTING ME, BUT IT'S GONE NOW... AND I CAN GO BACK TO WORK!

WHA-? IT'S A TRICK! GLADYS MUST HAVE BOUGHT A DOZEN ALL EXACTLY ALIKE!


HERE, IN THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WHERE POLICY IS MADE, THE WARRIOR'S KACHINA SEES ALL AND HEARS ALL, BUT CAN DO NOTHING...
...OR CAN IT??
I... UH... I'VE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND A MASSIVE IRRIGATION PROJECT ON THE NAVAJO RESERVATION AND WE'RE GOING TO SUPPLY MODERN MACHINERY TO THE HOPI FARMERS!
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BUT STILL HOWARD CAN'T SLEEP...THE DREAM RETURNS AGAIN!
NO...NO...LEAVE ME ALONE!
OH, HOWARD...THAT DREAM AGAIN?
YES, GLADYS... THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET RID OF IT! WE'RE FLYING WEST TOMORROW!
WE'RE HERE AGAIN...WHERE THE LITTLE GIRL WAS MINDING THE STORE!
THE LITTLE GIRL WARNED ME, HOWARD...SHE SAID THE KACHINA DOLL WAS NOT FOR SALE!
HERE, LITTLE GIRL...WE'RE RETURNING THE KACHINA OF YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER'S BROTHER!
I THINK HE'S GLAD TO BE HOME, DON'T YOU?
WE ALL OWE YOU MUCH, MR. COMMISSIONER! YOU HAVE ENDED THE HUNGER OF THE HOPI PEOPLE! THANK YOU!
IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO, CHIEF!
WE KNOW WHY H. J. LURCH IS SO GOOD TO THE INDIANS, DON'T WE? AND IT ISN'T BECAUSE HE'S A LIVING DOLL... IT'S BECAUSE HE MET ONE... AND I DON'T MEAN ME!
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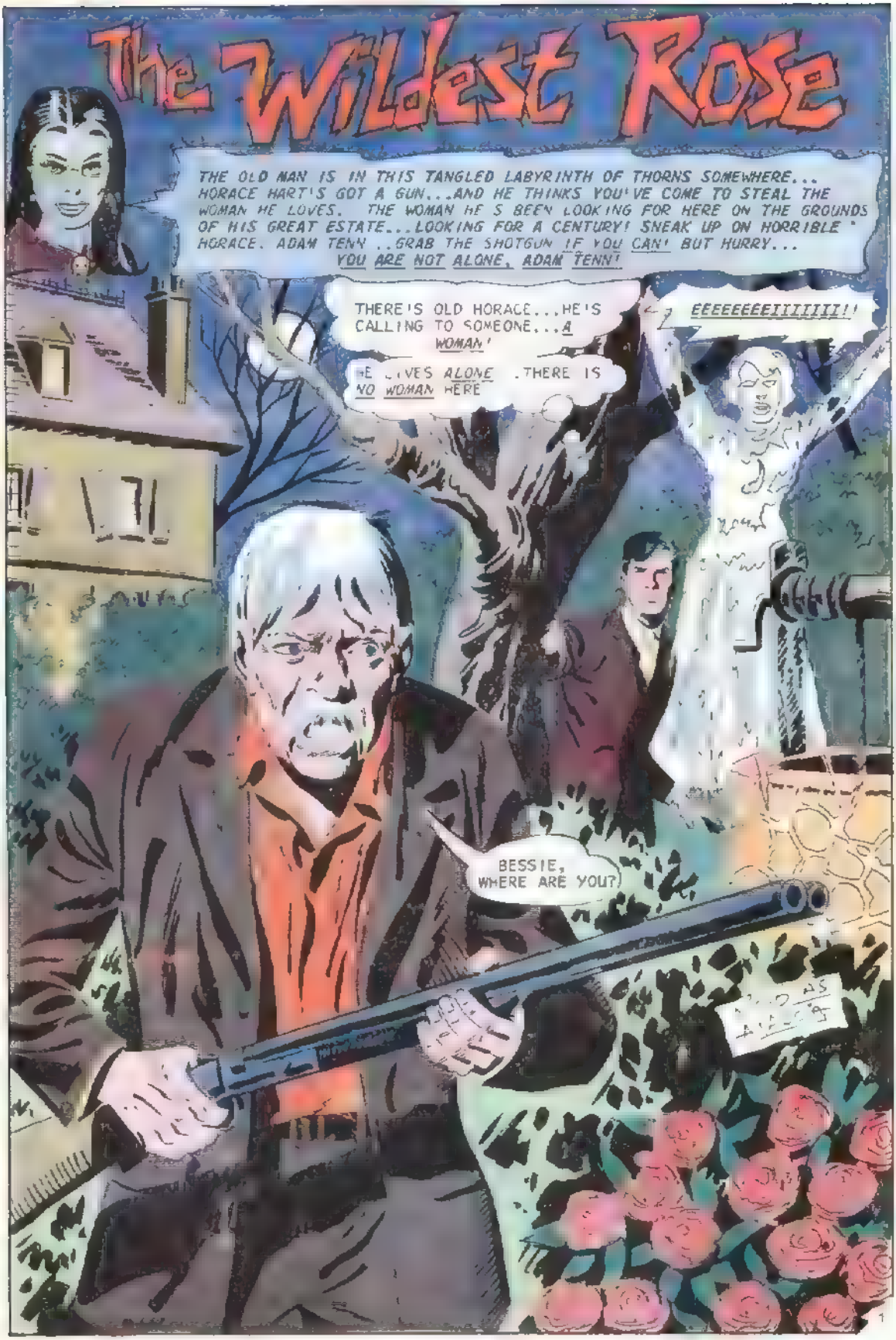
The Wildest Rose
THE OLD MAN IS IN THIS TANGLED LABYRINTH OF THORNS SOMEWHERE... HORACE HART'S GOT A GUN...AND HE THINKS YOU'VE COME TO STEAL THE WOMAN HE LOVES. THE WOMAN HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR HERE ON THE GROUNDS OF HIS GREAT ESTATE...LOOKING FOR A CENTURY! SNEAK UP ON HORRIBLE HORACE. ADAM TENN ..GRAB THE SHOTGUN IF YOU CAN! BUT HURRY... YOU ARE NOT ALONE, ADAM TENN!
THERE'S OLD HORACE...HE'S CALLING TO SOMEONE...A WOMAN!
HE LIVES ALONE .THERE IS NO WOMAN HERE
EEEEEEEEEIIIIIII!!
BESSIE, WHERE ARE YOU?

WHO ARE... YYYIIII! GET AWAY FROM ME!
YOU ARE DOOMED, FOOL!
I WARNED YOU TO KEEP OFF MY PROPERTY!
BLAM
NOW MAYBE THEY'LL LET ME BE!
A CREEPY WAY TO DIE, ADAM TENN ...UNCARED FOR, UNNOTICED HERE IN THE TANGLED WILDERNESS OF THE OLD HART ESTATE ...SURROUNDED BY THE BUSTLING MODERN CITY WHICH WANTS HORACE HART S ESTATE FOR A MUCH NEEDED HOSPITAL!
FORTUNATELY, MY NURSE'S TRAINING ENABLES ME TO HELP THIS POOR FELLOW! I MUST BRING HIM INTO THE HOUSE...
HORACE MUSTN T SEE ME NOW... THIS WAY! I... AVOID HIM EASILY... JUST AS I ALWAYS HAVE!

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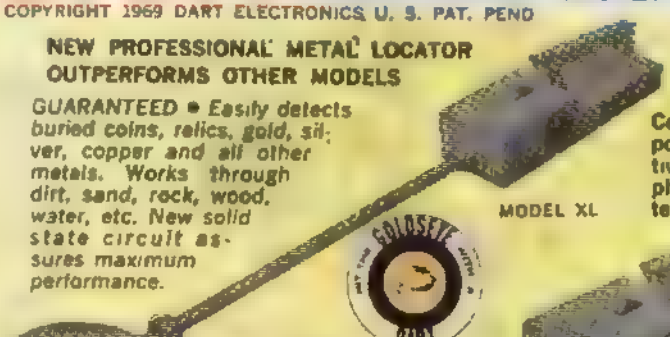

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NONSENSE! THERE WASN'T ANY GHOST OUT THERE! IT WAS YOUR IMAGINATION!
JUST THE SAME, IF SHE ...NURSE?
WHERE DID SHE GO? SHE VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
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BESSIE! BESSIE, I'LL FIND YOU ...I'VE NEVER STOPPED LOOKING!
THE OLD MAN... IF HE SEES ME...HE'LL FINISH ME OFF!
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WHO BLEW THAT OUT? NURSE? WAS IT..?
SSSSSSS
OH.
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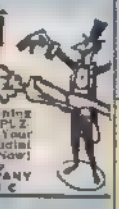

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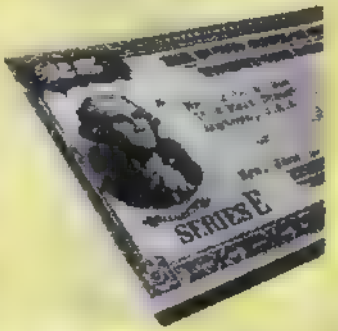

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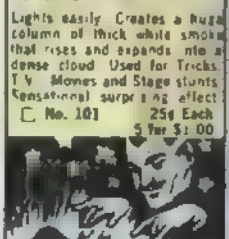

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LET ME WORRY ABOUT .T, MISS SMITH!
YOU NEED HELP, BUSTER!
ARE YOU HERE AGAIN?

HOW DO I LOOK, ADAM?
ARE YOU...YOU ARE THE G RL WHO NURSED ME LAST NIGHT! BUT HOW...?
ADAM, TAKE A DEED TRANSFER FORM AND COME WITH ME TO SEE MR. HORACE HART! IT LL BE MUCH NICER IF WE DO THIS MY WAY!
SHALL I CALL YOU BESSIE... IT'S WHAT HE CALLS YOU!
YOU DRIVE THROUGH THE ANCIENT RUSTING GATE, ADAM TENN...ACCOMPANIED BY THIS SWINGING CHICK YOU KNOW ISN'T REALLY REAL! AND YOU FIND HORACE HART...
N-NO...CALL ME BETH, I TH NK.. IT S MORE MODERN, SN T IT?
I HOPE YOU CAN PER-SUADE MR. HART TO SELL H S PLACE
HORACE... WHAT S WRONG?
BESSIE! I KNEW YOU WERE HERE ALL THIS TIME!
WHY, BESSIE? WHY DID YOU HIDE FROM ME?
YOU CAME BACK BE AUSE YOU WAN ME TO DO SOMETHING. WHAT S IT, BESSIE?
S GN TH S PAPER, HORACE THERE LL BE A HOSPITAL HERE...YOU REMEMBER, I ALWAYS WANTED A NEW HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT
Horace Hart

WE WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY, GIRL! WHY DID YOU HIDE FROM....*GASP*
SLEEP WELL, HORACE...
WHAT DID HAPPEN 100 YEARS AGO, BETH? WHY DID YOU,.. WHY DID BESSIE HIDE FROM HORACE?
BESSIE DIDN'T HIDE, ADAM...
BESSIE SIMPLY FELL IN THE OLD WELL ONE NIGHT...NO ONE SAW HERE OR HEARD HER SCREAM...AND SHE'S BEEN THERE EVER SINCE!
WELL, YOU'RE A REAL WOMAN NOW, BETH... YOU WON'T HIDE FROM ME, WILL YOU?
NO, ADAM ...YOU'VE SEEN YOUR LAST GHOST, I THINK!
DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, BESSIE...OLD HORACE MAY PROVE TO BE THE JEALOUS TYPE...YOU MAY FIND THAT THREE IS A CROWD...ESPECIALLY ON YOUR HONEYMOON!
END

Which is the Witch?

"I protest against this madness which has seized the people of this colony," said Captain John Wertham. "You know as well as I do that witches do not exist."

"I am unable to agree with you," replied Sir William Blankford, Chief Magistrate of the colony, "the words are clear: Thou shall not suffer a witch to live. So Dame Anders must undergo the water test."

"That is no test," continued Captain John Wertham. "You put her on a ducking stool. Then hold her under water. If she dies, this is to your mind proof that she is not a witch. Only a mortal person. If she lives, then you say she is a witch. So you hang her on the gallows. She has to lose either way."

"I think it best that you hold your peace," suggested the Chief Magistrate. "I am well aware that as a former pirate leader, the King's pardon says that no man in his realm is to touch you. I am also aware that you and your crew are a formidable fighting force. Furthermore, we all know that our beloved King may soon find himself at war either against the Spaniards or the French. So that your services are vital to all of us. But this matter does not concern you."

"And on what testimony do you base your conclusion that Dame Anders is a witch?" demanded the ex-pirate chief.

"On the best testimony in the world," smiled the Chief Magistrate. "On what my daughter Priscella told me she saw on the night of the full moon in the meadows."

"Then I shall go to her and ask her to tell me with her own tongue that which her two eyes saw," said an angry man who left the small court room.

Outside were five of his men. Each carried two pistols in the belt and a rather heavy fighting sword without scabbard. They followed him at a short pace. When he came to the house of his destination he saw the pretty maiden who had captured his heart. He came right to the point of his visit.

"I have just seen your father. Tell me what it was that you told him about Dame Anders. Why do you say she is a witch?"

"I saw her with five other women. I did not see their faces. Only her face," began Priscella. "There was blood on the moon. Each witch was riding her broom. Then they formed a circle. They spoke strange words. From the ground came a ghost. I heard the ghost tell them that there would be war between our country and France. Also that the King would need you and you would be made Admiral of the Fleet."

"One need not be a witch nor a ghost to come to these conclusions," he told her. "All I know is that an innocent woman is going to die."

"Strange words from a man who burned towns and killed people," she chided him.

He gave her no answer. When the time came he would make her his wife. Now he had more important matters to take care of. He left her and his men followed him.

They went to the jail house and the lone constable offered no resistance as they broke the door down. Then Captain John Wertham spoke to the old woman.

"Are you willing to swear on the Holy Bible that you are not a witch for the benefit of my men?"

"That I will gladly do right now. I want to live not die." The Holy Bible was produced and she swore to this. Then Captain John Wertham spoke to her.

"I cannot leave you here. You would die on the gallows. I will send you out in my long boat to my ship. You can act as our cook. I will pay you for your services."

Tears came into her eyes. She was escorted by the men to the pier and into the long boat. The tide was rising.

"We sail in the morning. We shall be back here again," he told his men.

With the rising sun the ship left for the voyage to meet some other ships. The Magistrate was unhappy.

"A witch has escaped me," he told his daughter Priscella.

"You are wrong, father," she said. "I am the witch not the old woman. You will do nothing about it. Captain Wertham will return an Admiral and hero. And then I shall be his bride."

I JUST LOVE THE SEA, DON'T YOU? I MEAN, IT HAS ALL THESE GROOVY SAILORS AND ALL BUT .THAT ISN'T WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS TIME! S.S. SEASNIPE WAS AN OLD RUSTBUCKET WHEN SHE SAILED FROM SCOTLAND.. ONE OF THE FEW SHIPS PRIVATELY OWNED BY HER CAPTAIN, HORATIO NELSON FITCH! S.S. SEASNIPE WAS CAPTAIN FITCH'S HOME.. SHE WAS HIS LIFE. BUT, AS HE GREW OLD, HIS SHIP WAS ALSO AGING..AND HE KNEW ONE DAY SOON HE'D ANCHOR FOR THE LAST TIME.
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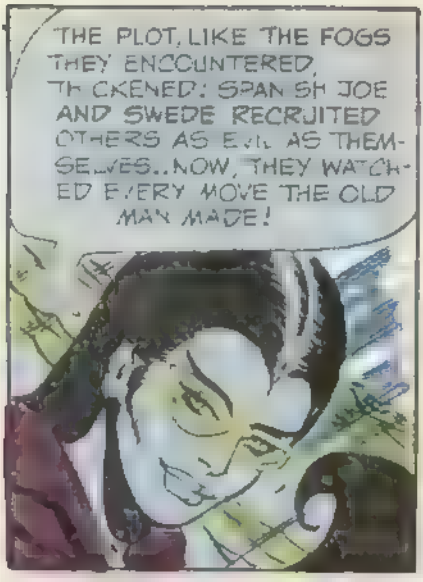
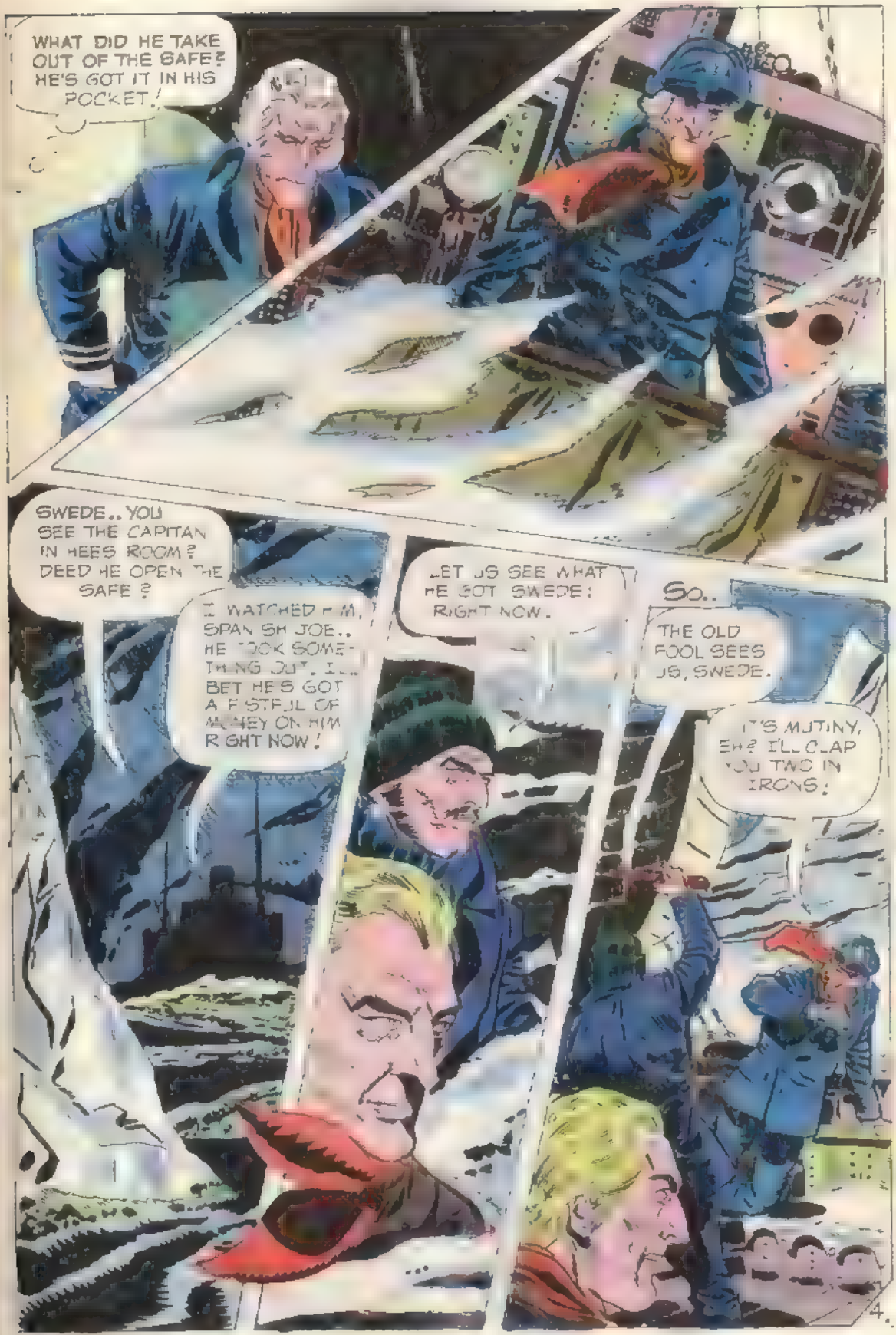
LOOK AT HEEM, SWEDE.. HE NEVER GOES ASHORE TO SPEND ANY OF THE MONEY HE MAKES WEETH THEES SHIP!
HE'S GOT THE SAFE IN HIS CABIN STUFFED WITH MONEY, SPANISH JOE.
I HAD TO BORROW AGAIN TO GET THE OLD BOILER REPAIRED! I HOPE IT LASTS AS LONG AS I DO!
THE LAST COMMAND!

FOXY TOL' ME WE GO NORTH TO FAROE SLAND!
THERE ARE UN-CHARTED ISLANDS THERE, HIDDEN IN THE FOG AND ICE FIELDS..CAPTAIN FITCH CAN BE SET ASHORE ON ONE.
THE SHIP SAILS WITH EMPTY HOLDS AGAIN, BUT I HAVE A PROMISE OF A CARGO FROM FAROE ISLAND.
I'M AN OLD FOOL FOR CLINGING TO THIS LIFE.. LOSING MONEY EACH VOYAGE! STILL IT IS BETTER THAN AN OLD AGE HOME..WHERE I'LL ROT TILL I DIE!
THE GREEDY OLD FOOL WILL DROWN AS ALL JUST TO FILL THAT SAFE WITH MORE MONEY FOR HIMSELF!



BUT SWEDE COULDN'T SEE THE LOOT.. BECAUSE CAPT. FITCH INSTINCTIVELY BLOCKED THE DOOR WITH HIS BODY AS HE GOT WHAT HE NEEDED FROM THE OLD IRON BOX...


WHAT DID HE TAKE OUT OF THE SAFE? HE'S GOT IT IN HIS POCKET!
SWEDE.. YOU SEE THE CAPITAN IN HEES ROOM? DEED HE OPEN THE SAFE?
I WATCHED HIM, SPAN SH JOE.. HE TOOK SOME- THING OUT. I... BET HE'S GOT A F STFUL OF MONEY ON HIM R GHT NOW!
LET US SEE WHAT HE GOT SWEDE! RIGHT NOW.
SO..
THE OLD FOOL SEES US, SWEDE.
IT'S MUTINY, EH? I'LL CLAP YOU TWO IN IRONS!

GEEV HIM THE DEEP SEE, SWEDE, THROW HEEM OVERBOARD!
HOLD HIM STEADY, SPANISH JOE. I WANT THE LOOT HE'S GOT IN THIS POCKET!
BON VOYAGE... YOU OLD FOOL...
SWEDE, YOU HAD OFF.CER'S TICKET ONCE.. YOU NAVIGATE THE SHIP!
I, SPANISH JOE, WEEL GEEV THE ORDERS!
LET'S BUST OPEN THE SKIPPER'S SAFE .. WE'LL BE RICH!
SI, LIMEY, THAT EES THE FIRST THING WE DO!
TWO DAYS LATER WHILE SWEDE TRIED TO STEER A COURSE THROUGH THE FOG SHROUDED ICE FIELDS, THEY STILL HADN'T OPENED THE SAFE...
LOOKED LIKE SOFT IRON, BUT WE CAN'T MELT IT, DRILL IT OR BLOW THE DOOR OFF WITH T.N.T.!
THE OLD MAN PUT A CURSE ON IT, SWEDE, BUT WE WEEL GET IT OPEN!

GET UP EEN BOW, LIMEY! WATCH FOR ROCKS AN' ICEBERGS!
IT IS WET AND COLD UP THERE, SPAN SH JOE! I'M NOT GOING TO FREEZE FOR YOU NOR ANYONE ELSE...
YOU DISOBEY! I'LL KEEL YOU FOR THEES .. YOU...
YA RUDDY WELL WON'T KILL NOBODY!
WHO'S STEERIN' THIS BUCKET: WE'RE HEAD'N FOR A BERG!
WHAT DID YOU KILL HIM FOR, JOE? WE NEED EVERY MAN IF WE'RE EVER TO REACH LAND!
YOU ARE THE NAV.GATOR, SWEDE! YOU TELL US WH CH WAY TO STEER!
..I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE SEXTANT..IT'S... GONE!

STRANGE THINGS WERE HAPPENING ABOARD THE S.S. SEASNIPE! THE MEN TRYING TO STEER THE SHIP HAD TO FIGHT THE WHEEL WHICH SEEMED TO HAVE A MIND OF ITS OWN!
YUH'RE FIFTY DEGREES OFF COURSE!
THE WHEEL WON'T COME RIGHT! IT..IT KEEPS TURNING TO PORT!
HE CAN'T SEE THE OTHER MAN WHO WAS ALSO AT THE WHEEL! IF HE COULD HAVE SEEN...
IT..IT KEEPS TURNING TO THE RIGHT...
WE'VE BEEN STEAMING IN CIRCLES... SOON WE'LL BE OUT OF FUEL...
CARRAMBA! YOU FOOL..WHY YOU NOT STEER SHEEP?
YOU TRY IT, SPANISH JOE..THIS SHIP IS GOIN' WHERE SHE WANTS TO GO AN' THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR THE SWEDE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

A DEADLY CHILL GRIPS THE CREAKING OLD SHIP IN AN ICY FIST..THE MEN ARE NEAR PANIC!
WE BETTER GET THAT SAFE OPEN..THE MEN ARE GETTING MEAN!
SI!
THIS DRILL IS WORKING! ..IT.. IT'S OPEN!
WELL ..WHAT'S IN THERE? GOLD?.. DIAMONDS?
CANDY! JUST CANDY! THE KIND THEY CALL..ALL DAY SUCKERS... THE OLD MAN WAS EATING THEM ALL THE TIME!
LOOK OUT!
STOP ENGINES!
WE..WE WENT AGROUND!
SHE EES FEENISH ..REEPED THE BOTTOM OUT OF HER!
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WE'RE HARD AGROUND.. AT LEAST WE WON'T DROWN..
LET'S LOOK AROUND!
MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE FISHERMEN OR ESKIMOS LIVE HERE!
LOOK
POR DIOS! NOW I KNOW WHY THE SHIP ALWAYS GO HER OWN WAY .. ALL THE TIME, WE WERE COMING HERE!
IT'S HIM!
YES.. THEY'VE RETURNED.. CALLED BACK TO THE SCENE OF THEIR CRIME BY THEIR VICTIM, CAPTAIN FITCH. ONCE MORE, HE IS IN COMMAND.. OF A SHIP AND CREW WHO SOON WILL BE PRESERVED IN ETERNAL ICE.. JUST AS HE IS!
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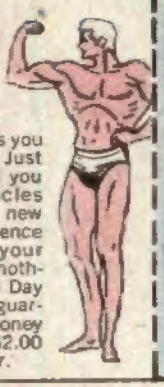

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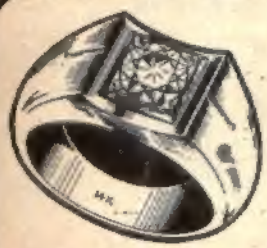

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